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COUNTY CAMPAIGNERS SPOKE AT LANGSTON

Campaign Opened Monday
Morning There

ENTERTAINED BY
THE COMMUNITY

County Candidates Addressed Voters
at Langston Church and Received
Close Attention. Much Interest in
Senatorial and Legislative Races.

The first meeting of the county campaign party was held at Langston church Monday, the candidates being the guests of the community at dinner. The meeting was presided over by W. P. Wright, who welcomed the campaigners.

Clerk of Court.
The candidates for Clerk of Court spoke first. Mr. C. F. Brooks lead off, promising a business administration and full performance of duty. C. A. Power, the incumbent, asked for reelection upon his record, saying that he had performed his duty as he saw it. He said all papers are recorded immediately upon their receipt at his office.

Sheriff.
The candidates for sheriff all spoke along the same line, promising faithful discharge of the duties of the office. W. H. Barksdale spoke first for this office, saying that it was the first time he had offered himself for office and promised faithful discharge of its duties.

Geo. C. Hopkins offered a few pleasantries at the expense of other candidates, adding that he was for Woodrow Wilson for president, R. A. Cooper for governor and Geo. C. Hopkins for sheriff.

D. W. M. Mason recited his record as a peace officer, particularly as chief of police of Clinton. He said he felt fully competent to fulfill the duties of the office.

J. T. Peden said that he had narrowly missed being elected sheriff at a previous election when the flood deprived him of many votes. He voiced an ambition to be the sheriff of Laurens county.

S. C. Reid gave his record as a peace officer, as constable to Magistrate Cooper, Chief of Police of Clinton, Deputy Sheriff, etc. He claimed he was efficient and competent.

John Kellett said there was only one issue—fitness to hold the office. He said he had been constable under Heyward, magistrate for a number of years and rural policeman. As an indication of how well he performed his duty, he stated that his township sustained the rural police system in the election by a larger majority than any other township.

J. D. W. Watts said that he had been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Sheriff Owings and that he had performed his duty to the best of his ability. He said that all arrests are made promptly and as soon as warrants are turned over to him.

Addison R. Sullivan recounted his record as constable and rural policeman for many years and asked the support of the voters on his record as a peace officer and on their knowledge of his ability.

Treasurer.
R. Jud Langston said that he felt competent to fill the office of treasurer and asked for the votes of the assembled voters. L. F. McSwain promised to notify every tax-payer of the amount of his taxes and when they will be due. Ross D. Young, the incumbent, said that this would be impracticable and would lead to endless confusion and expense.

Auditor.
J. Waddy Thompson, unopposed for Auditor, thanked the voters for their support in past elections and assured them of his desire to perform his duty faithfully.

County Commissioner.
The four candidates for County Commissioner spoke along the same general lines, promising faithful performance of the duties of the office. J. B. Hitt and J. T. Todd asked for reelection on their record. W. S. Adair and Jno. A. Thomason are the other candidates for these offices. There are two offices to be filled.

Coroner.
The candidates for Coroner, F. B. Boland, R. J. Franks, J. P. Elledge, Z. R. Traynham and W. H. Whitlock

J. WADE ANDERSON'S HOME CONSUMED BY FLAMES

One of the Oldest Dwellings on East Main Street and All the Furniture Burned Last Wednesday Night.

Mr. J. Wade Anderson's home on East Main street burned last Wednesday night, shortly after one o'clock. It is thought that the fire was a result of an exposed electric wire, for the blaze was first discovered in the ceiling of the second story.

Being awakened by the room filled with smoke, Mrs. Anderson immediately had Mr. Anderson to make an investigation. As soon as Mr. Anderson entered another room, he found the flames to be blazing over him. It being impossible for them to escape through the front doors, both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson made their way out of the burning building through the window. All that could be done to suppress the flames was in vain. After considerable delay, the alarm reached the fire department and when the wagon arrived, nothing worth while could be done except prevent other surrounding houses from taking flames also.

Practically all the furnishings were consumed, three rocking chairs that were on the front porch being all that was saved. The house was built in 1887 and was an eight room building. The furniture was insured for the amount of \$500 and the house for \$3,000. So far, it has not been reported what Mr. Anderson's exact loss is.

promised faithful discharge of the duties of the office if elected.

Senate.

The advent of Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, into the senatorial race Saturday caused quite a little ripple in the political circles, so the interest in the senatorial candidates Monday was probably more noticeable than in any other candidates. Mr. Browning lead off in this race. He spoke of being a young man aspiring to high honors and said that he saw no reason why he should not be equally considered with men of more advanced age. He said he had profited by his experience in the legislature and thought he could make a valuable representative of Laurens county. He said that he would not criticize either of his opponents, but that they had been in the Senate for a number of years and he saw no reason why any set of men should be allowed to hold office always. Mr. Browning advocated pensions for the Confederate soldiers, more attention to educational progress, rural credits, state warehouse system and other measures similar to these. He criticized the appropriation of \$50,000 by the Legislature for law enforcement, saying that it could be used as a campaign fund by a designing governor. He also voiced opposition to the \$2,000 appropriated by the legislature for legal services to be used by the governor. He spoke in resentment of a speech by Gov. Manning from which Mr. Browning drew the inference that those who voted against Gov. Manning were classed by him as lawless. Mr. Browning said that he was in favor of a new jail for Laurens county. He said that he did not know who was responsible for the county not securing a jail this time, but he understood that the bill passed the lower house and died in the senate, where he thought Senator Goodwin could have put it through if he had wanted to do it.

Senator O. P. Goodwin stated that it was an immemorial custom for a candidate in his home to give way to the other candidates and that he was delighted to do the same thing and welcome them to Langston. He did say, however, that he favored pensions for the old veterans, gave a resume of his record in the Senate in which he told of the bill he introduced relating to fertilizers which would save the farmers a great deal of money. Mr. Goodwin said that he was running on his record and would be ready to defend himself in the campaign.

John H. Wharton made an eloquent plea for better educational advantages, good roads, rural credits, etc. He said that he was in favor of the state's voting bonds to the amount of \$72,000 for good roads to get the benefit of the federal appropriation for the same purpose. He advocated a new jail for the county, saying the present jail was not decent. "No matter how low" a man allows himself to sink, he said, "a decent place should be provided for him when he is imprisoned."

House of Representatives.
W. D. Byrd, who was on his "native" (Continued on Page Four.)

CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN CLOSED FRIDAY

Aspirants to Solicitorship Stated Their Claims.
Nicholls Absent--W. L. Gray asked Question.

A comparatively large number of the voters of Laurens county were called to order on Friday at 10:40 A. M. in the court house by Mr. O. G. Thompson, to hear the congressional and solicitorial candidates. With very appropriate words Judge Thompson appealed to the hearers for fairness and perfect attention to all the candidates alike. Mr. Jno. D. Mills, Jr., requested that he be permitted to read several letters which he had to correct a few mistakes he said were in circulation in regard to Congressman Nicholls. Mr. Mills' request was overruled, but was told that he could read the letters at the conclusion of the last speech. A letter from Mr. Nicholls was read to explain his absence. Mr. Nicholls wrote that he was detained by official duties.

Mr. David Traxler was introduced. He said that he had come to bring a message to the voters of the district and that if elected he would return again at the next regular campaign and give an account of himself. In eloquent speech he said, "United States owes every boy and every girl a college education. If \$700,000,000 can be expended for preparedness (and I believe in it) why can't this nation spend the measly sum of \$100,000,000 for education. Why, the unnecessary amount expended for bulletins that are never read, would be sufficient to furnish the boys and girls of the nation with free school books." Mr. Traxler, in a spectacular way, held up before the crowd some playing cards, a red light and a whiskey bottle, saying that those were the things against which he has battled all of his life.

Mr. A. H. Miller was introduced next. He said that he had no criticism to make of his opponents—nothing to say behind their backs. He said that what had just been said was merely a fuss between "Sam" and "Dave." He told of his success as a farmer and that he was anxious to see the drift from the farm to the city cease; that there ought to be an equality of opportunity whereby the farmer can hold his own against the commercial world. One of his issues is to prepare the farmer to furnish the world as well as to prepare to fight the world. He said that we must take the child from the cotton mill and put him in school if we would lift South Carolina from the low tide of illiteracy. Just then Mr. W. L. Gray requested the speaker to express himself on the matter of woman suffrage. Mr. Miller was quick to answer that he favors woman suffrage first, last and always. Then Mr. Traxler was called back to express himself on the matter also. Mr. Traxler said that he was with Woodrow Wilson, like all true democrats should be; that he believed woman suffrage was a state issue instead of a national

MANAGER OF NEW STORE.

Mr. S. C. Wood, of York, to Manage Dry Goods Department of Clardy & Wilson.

Mr. S. C. Wood, of York, arrived in the city last week to take up his duties with Clardy & Wilson. Mr. Wood is to have charge of the new dry goods department of this firm when it is opened in the store now occupied by Mr. Terry. Mr. Wood has already met a number of people since arriving in the city and has made a very pleasant impression upon them. The following clipping about him was taken from The Yorkville Enquirer last week:

"S. C. Wood left this morning for Laurens where he has a position with the firm of Clardy & Wilson of that city. Mr. Wood has been a resident of Yorkville for the past ten or eleven years, coming here when the Thompson Co., was organized and remaining with that store until it went out of business several months ago. Since coming to Yorkville, Mr. Wood has made many friends here where he has closely allied himself with the business, social and religious interests of the town and his many friends and acquaintances regret to learn of his departure. He will have charge of the dry goods department of the Laurens store to which he goes and will enter upon his duties tomorrow."

Issue.

Then the candidates for the solicitorship were introduced and Mr. H. S. Blackwell was first called. He said that in accordance with custom, he would give his time to his opponents, that the people of Laurens know him well enough, quoting the poet's words, "What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say."

Mr. Geo. T. Magill was then introduced and he assured Mr. Blackwell that when he came to Greenwood the same courtesy would be shown him. He stated that he had been in the legal profession for nineteen years and that, since a solicitor hadn't the time of a defending attorney to prepare his speech, it is quite necessary to have an experienced lawyer for the position. He also stated that the solicitor is a quasi judicial officer and that if elected he would prosecute the guilty to the extent of the law and not hesitate to not pros any and all unnecessary cases.

Mr. T. Frank McCord, speaking next, gave a history of himself, saying that he was proud of his record and of his opportunities. He said that the office of solicitor required a man of ability, instead of one of wide experience. Crime, he said, belongs to ignorance and that the illiterate one should be uplifted; education is the cure for crime.

Mr. B. V. Chapman was the last speaker. After praising Mr. Blackwell for giving his time to his opponents, he gave a life sketch of himself. He stated that two years ago he ran for the legislature and was elected, that he is retained at Newberry on one of the most noted murder cases, that his opponents have good records and that he seeks office not by their demerits but by his own merits. In closing, he refuted an argument of one of his opponents, saying that solicitors always had ten days to prepare their cases and that skill and ability would be more valuable than sheer experience.

After the regular campaign meeting, Mr. John D. Mills, in behalf of Congressman Nicholls, read several letters from Washington officials intended to refute charges that he had been negligent of his duties in Washington and that he could have attended the campaign meetings if he had so desired. He also read a letter from Mr. J. B. Lee, of Spartanburg, in which Mr. Lee branded as a lie the statement that he had said a trade had been made between Congressman Nicholls and The Spartanburg Herald whereby Mr. Nicholls was to forsake the Bleas standard.

As the meeting was dismissed Mr. Thompson stated that this would conclude the campaign in Laurens county and that the county campaign would open Monday morning at Langston. dWd : eqfqi eqqwJ Ov

Whitener's Barber Shop to Move.

To make way for the workmen who are remodeling the Martin building recently bought by Mr. L. E. Burns, Whitener's Barber Shop, which has been located in that building for many years, will be moved to the corner store below the old post office recently used as a meat market. Will Whitener said yesterday he would be well fixed up and would be glad to see his old patrons there.

Fords Going Fast.

Mr. Will Waldrop, manager of the Craig Auto Company, states that the business done by his concern has been very gratifying. Since last November they have sold 71 Ford cars and now are almost unable to fill the demand for present orders. They are expecting two carloads in this week and already have on hand orders for eight of these.

National Delegates.

The following are the delegates to the National Convention of Letter Carriers, which meets in Chicago August 8-11. J. E. Johnson, Gray Court; R. D. Robinson, Edgemore; D. C. Hayden, Orangeburg; J. M. Parker, Dallsell; H. C. Fuller, of this county, was elected a delegate but he will be unable to go on account of sickness.

CLOVER CLUB GROWS.

Over 11,000 Pounds now Spoken For. Order for Seed has been Placed.

Over 11,000 pounds of seed have been spoken for in the Clover club. Farm Demonstrator Moore placed an order for 15,000 pounds last week and thinks that it will be necessary to order more. Over 5,000 pounds have been spoken for in Clinton alone, according to Mr. Stone, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The following are additional names included in the Clover Club, excluding those from Clinton:

Total last week	9,400
W. H. Barton	600
M. A. Riddle	60
W. P. Sullivan	40
H. L. Blakely	150
L. G. Balle	60
W. M. Nash	120
W. M. Myers	200
S. L. Owens	100
Geo. C. Hopkins	100
L. R. Henderson	100
D. M. Holder	50
A. C. Bolt	80
J. W. Reeks	60
B. M. Owings	60
L. B. Clardy	20
J. P. Hopkins	60
Scott George	30
Lewis Anderson	150
R. J. Langston	20
D. L. Boozer	150
T. J. Coleman	50
W. H. Mahaffey	25
A. B. Hard	20
Total	11,705

At Warrior Creek Church.

The ladies of the Y. W. A. of Warrior Creek Church will give an ice cream supper at the home of Mr. Sam J. Burns, Friday night August the eleventh, beginning at six o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Buys Haynes Four.

Mr. J. E. Tollison has recently purchased a nice Haynes "4" touring car and is now enjoying the many pleasures it affords. He decided not to trade in his Cadillac roadabout, so he now has a touring car when that is needed and a roadabout for less formal occasions.

Patterson Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Patterson family will be held Thursday, August 24th, at the Robin Patterson Springs. All the descendants, in-laws and connection are expected to come with well-filled baskets. We understand that our committee of arrangements have a very interesting program for this occasion and all expect a very pleasant time. We will meet at 10 o'clock promptly.

J. Lee Langston,
Mrs. W. D. Patterson, Chairman,
Secretary.

Old Soldiers' Reunion.

The annual reunion of Co. F, 14th regiment, S. C. V., will be held at Langston church on Saturday, August 19th. The public is invited to attend with well-filled baskets for the dinner.

In the afternoon there will be singing in which all singers are expected to participate. A special invitation is extended to be present.

W. F. Wright,
Secretary.

Good Roads Delegates.

Supervisor H. B. Humbert and County Commissioner J. B. Hitt have been named by Commissioner Watson as delegates to the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Convention which meets in Lexington, Ky., September 5-8.

Woodrow Wilson Fund.

Three dollars was added to the Woodrow Wilson fund during the past few days. Those who wish to send in their names with the first remittance from Laurens should send their dollar to The Advertiser before Saturday, when a check will be mailed for the amount collected to that date. The following is the list to date:

Previously acknowledged	\$10.50
C. F. Brooks	1.00
R. F. Jones	1.00
O. B. Simmons	1.00
Total	\$13.50

Miller McCuen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCuen, was carried to the hospital yesterday. It is thought that he may have typhoid fever.

Mr. D. H. Counts, who is now located at Florence, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

DOLLAR DAY BARGAINS OFFERED IN LAURENS

Merchants Co-Operate to
Offer Special Bargains

DOLLAR BARGAINS
IN EVERY STORE

Great Co-Operative Enterprise on the
Part of Laurens Merchants Decided
on at a Meeting Wednesday Morning.
Friday, August 18th Selected.

At an informal meeting of merchants held last Wednesday morning it was definitely decided to have a "Dollar Day" bargain sale in Laurens when the people of all the surrounding county and adjoining counties will be attracted here by the bargains which they expect to offer. According to the plan outlined at the meeting, every merchant going into the enterprise is expected to lay out a number of articles or groups of articles worth ordinarily more than a dollar and these will be offered at the dollar price. As nearly every merchant in town is going into the agreement and the special offers will be so numerous, it is thought that thousands of visitors will be attracted to the city on account of them. Friday, August 18, has been decided on as the Dollar Day.

The mayor and council have been requested to give general surveillance of traffic for the day and to provide ice water for the visitors. The merchants are making plans for a great day of it and no doubt the people will be here by the hundreds and thousands.

The following merchants have already signified their willingness to go into the enterprise and to offer special dollar day bargains on that day:

Switzer Company.
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.
Minter Co.
J. C. Burns & Co.
Powe Drug Co.
H. Terry.
Clardy & Wilson.
Laurens Drug Co.
Leverette Furniture Co.
Cash Grocery Co.
J. C. Shell & Co.
Davis-Roper Co.
W. G. Wilson & Co.
Jones-Taylor Hardware Co.
Laurens Hardware Co.
J. M. Philpot.
Fleming Bros.
Peoples Drug Store.
J. A. Franks.
Fowler & Owings.
W. P. Hudgens.
Kennedy Bros.
A. L. Mahaffey.
Hyman Lurey.
Hayes 5 and 10c Store.
Laurens Motor Car Co.
Peterson's 5 and 10c Store.

Infantile Paralysis.

The city board of health took steps last week to prevent a spread of the infantile paralysis epidemic in the city by forbidding children to go to moving picture shows or other indoor congregating places. One case diagnosed as a malignant type of the disease has developed at the Watts Mills village, but the child is now said to be improving. No other cases have been reported so far.

A Sad Accident.

Byron Brown, the son of Mr. Tom Brown, a prominent farmer near the city, had a close call yesterday afternoon. While in swimming, he found an old pistol cartridge and attempted to fire it off by striking the cap with a nail. It exploded and the ball entered near his left eye. Dr. Vincent was summoned at once, but unable to locate the ball hasten Greenville where an X-Ray accessible.

Mrs. Bob Willis.

Mrs. Bob Willis, of Gray Court, died suddenly at her home in Gray Court yesterday while in pursuit of her family duties. She had been in recently good health for some time. Her sudden death came as a great surprise and shock to her friends and relatives.

Ben Holley, a young operator of the Watts Mills, has been in the city several days on account of typhoid fever. His condition was reported as improved yesterday and the indications are that he will recover.